

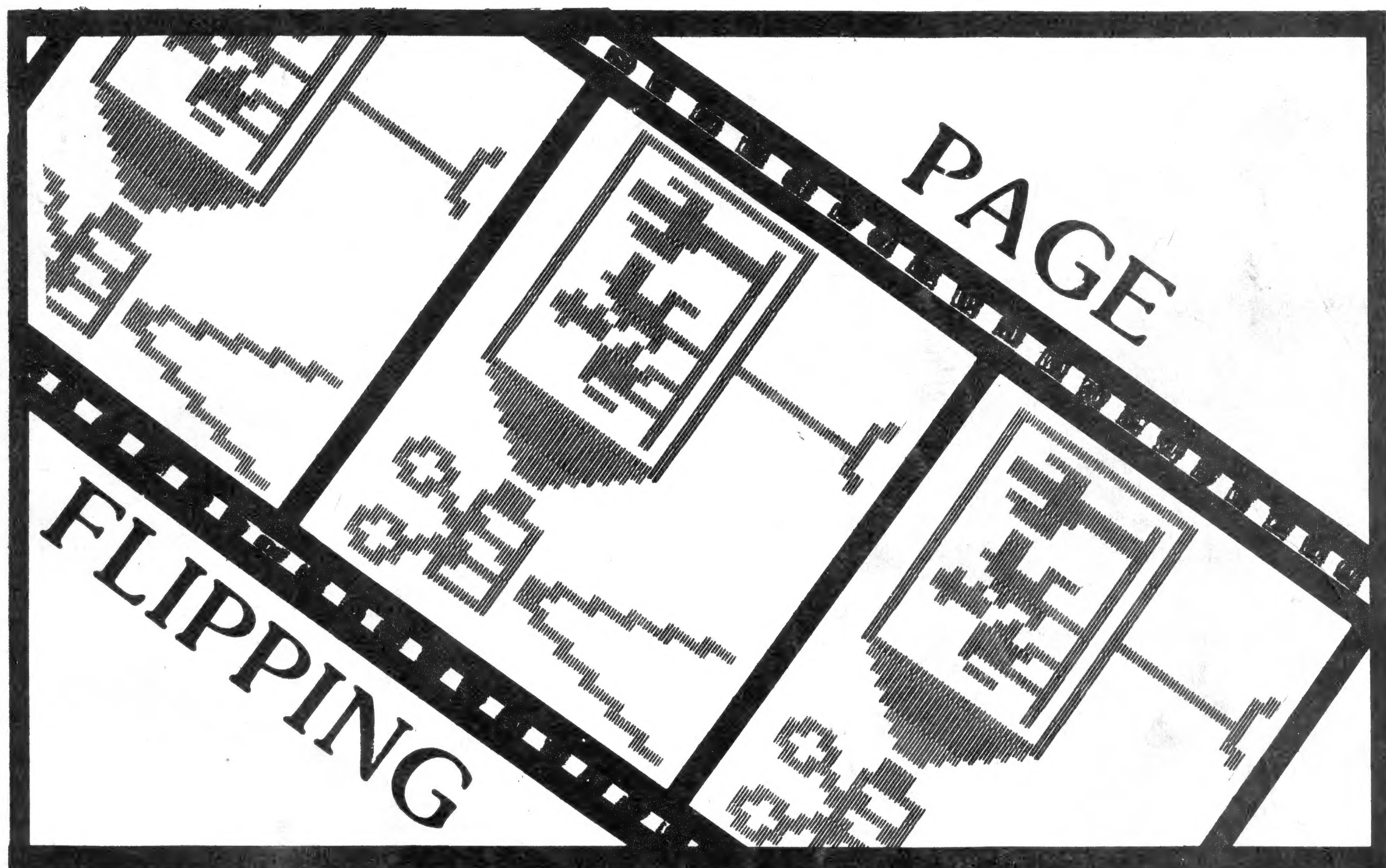
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Dear Reader,

After a longer wait than expected (more about that later), we welcome you to third issue of T-S Horizons. There have been some new developments around here I'd like to tell you about. We are happy to introduce some new writers to these pages - some of whom you may already know from their work in other publications.

Gordon Young has published a newsletter in Vista, California for about two years called Z-West. He has had a loyal following of readers from across the United States and Canada. Recently I received a letter from Gordon who had gotten a sample copy of T-S Horizons and liked it. In his letter he explained that Z-West was ceasing publication with the January 1984 issue, and he offered to write for T-S Horizons on a regular basis (an offer I couldn't refuse).

Gordon has written articles for major computer publications (e.g., Sync, Jan/Feb 1984). Knowing the reputation of Z-West, we expect to see many great articles from Gordon. Z-West was known for good machine code and other programming articles, as well as reviews and program listings.

Through Mr. Young, I was introduced to Tex Faucette, an active TS 1000 user from the southern U.S. Tex will be reviewing software and providing other articles to T-S Horizons regularly. In this issue he reviews an excellent filing program for the TS 1000 called ZX Pro File.

Beginning in this issue we will be running a series of four articles by Lien Chii, a programmer for The Ultimate Blackwood. The first installment is a "page-flipping" or computer animation program. This series of articles will be useful for a wide range of applications, so don't miss it.

By coincidence, John Marion contributed another page-flipping program, "Animate", for this issue. John's approach is different in that it combines an on-screen drawing routine with page-flipping, to produce animation. John is a member of the Portsmouth Timex user group.

By the way we hope you enjoy this issue's Timex Comix feature (page 25). It is something of a tribute to Dan Ross the Timex Computer executive who recently announced his resignation (see page 24). Special thanks to Barry Hollsinger for supplying the artwork for the cartoon.

Bill Johnson introduces an interesting concept in Programming Tips, and he is currently preparing a feature article on "error recovery" for a future issue. (Note: The format of Programming Tips, and Hardware Hints from last issue, make them excellent vehicles for our readers to submit short articles on a wide variety of subjects, and we encourage them to do so.)



Amateur radio enthusiasts should check out the software reviews by Bill Johnson (page 22). Art Gindin has written the second of his "Reviews for the Non-Programmer" on page 21. Kids' Page, as well as the second part of last issue's graphics tutorial will return in the next issue.

So much for the introductions.

Yes, we are still monthly.

Due to technical and other difficulties beyond our control, the publication of this issue had to be delayed (hence the Jan/Feb cover date). We apologize but it was unavoidable. We did however use this time to get a little better organized (we are new at this after all). If you are a subscriber, rest assured that your subscription is for 12 issues, not 12 months.

As I said before we are new at this, and we can make mistakes. If you ever miss an issue or don't receive an answer to correspondence, please don't be shy. Bring it to our attention.

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By Bill Moreland

Theories of mass marketing may be of little interest to many readers, but you must be aware that companies that sell through discount and chain stores depend on selling large numbers of their products at reduced prices to make their profits. These facts have real meaning for the first-time computer buyer.

The choices of what to market, when to market it, and the price for the item are very different for a mass merchandiser than a specialty computer company. While the profit motive may stimulate both kinds of companies, the mass marketer is more interested in selling volume than quality and therefore takes a different approach to engineering, production and distribution of its products.

The Timex Corporation is a mass merchandiser. It sells its products through all of the outlets that any mass merchant would use. I point these facts out so the reader can understand that, while the Timex family of computers is superior in many respects, the market support from Timex is not the same as the support from IBM, for example, for its products.

These facts translate into a very different marketing strategy for a retailer. Like the mass merchandising company, the retail store must sell volume to make profits. Unfortunately, this means that support by the retailer for the computer is probably going to be very limited. (Unless someone in the store takes an interest in the device on a personal level, very little information will be available from the store. After all, profits do not come from providing information on how to make a toaster oven work. Only the sale of the item is of interest to that kind of retailer.)

The consequence of these observations for the first-time computer can be devastating. An inexpensive computer with poor documentation is almost useless if you can't find someone to help you with your questions. Programs or peripherals are likewise useless unless you know how to go about trouble-shooting to find out whether they are defective (and can be exchanged).

Obviously this can lead to a chicken and egg situation: if you don't know how the computer works, then is the program or peripheral really defective?

Having been a Timex computer dealer for the past year and a half, we have experienced the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat when it comes to support for their computers. Also we have been victimized by mail order rip-off artists and pleasantly surprised by small business people who are trying to make a living with honest products. Likewise, we have been alternately disappointed and happy with Timex distribution policies, feeling frustration or anger with late deliveries while feeling satisfaction (even smugness) with superior products.

Unfortunately, the distribution system for the computer and related products is so complex and fragmented that it is difficult for small dealers to get information. Indeed, it is somewhat discouraging to build a loyal customer base and not be able to find answers from suppliers when questions are raised. In short, with the continuing shakeout of computer makers comes a process of shakedown among the distributors and dealers. With profitability being so low on the machines, it is unclear who will survive.



The message for buyers of less expensive computers is clear: find dealers whom you trust and support them, even if it costs a little more. The good dealer will find answers and provide service and information even if it does not provide immediate profits.

It is from among this group of dealers that continuing support for the machine will come. Let's hope that the next generation of computers from Timex stimulates the same kind of growth in third party products as the earlier models. Maybe next time some rationality will make its way into the distribution system and make all of our lives as computer users easier.



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Reader INPUT  
Edited by Bill Johnson

After the premier issue of T-S Horizons was published, I received a letter regarding my article "Creating and Saving Files." (TSH#1, p. 20). I mentioned in that article that it was important to set the array size large enough to hold all foreseeable files that you would want to store there, because re-dimensioning the array to a larger size would wipe out all your existing information. But the writer of this letter notes that in cases where enough memory is available, it is possible to expand an array by temporarily storing it in a second array. Below are excerpts from his letter.

Let's say, for instance, that your existing string array is DIM A\$(30,3). If you later require a larger array (A\$(40,4) for example) you can DIM B\$(40,4) followed by:

```
10 FOR N=1 TO 30
20 LET B$(N,TO 3)=A$(N)
30 NEXT N
```

If plenty of memory is available, re-DIMension A\$(40,4) to wipe out the original A\$ array (after moving it to the B\$ array) and run another FOR-NEXT loop to move everything back to the new A\$ array.

The alternative is to change the name of the array from B\$ to A\$ by poking the first byte of the array. Refer to page 131, Chapter 26, TIMEX USER MANUAL for the TS1000. An array of characters will be identified in storage by a Letter from 198 to 223 Decimal (C6 to DF Hex). Subtract 20 Hex or 32 Dec and you will find a character Code from 166 for Inverse A to 191 for Inverse Z. In this case we would want to change the Code from 199 to 198.

There are two ways to find the location of the byte we want to change. Whenever I want to make it easy on myself to locate arrays in memory, I make sure that the appropriate DIMs appear in the program before any other DIMs, LETs or INPUTs (assignments). In this way, the System Variable VARS at 16400+256\*16401 will always tell me where the first byte of the first assignment is. Now, the first element will be offset from that first byte depending upon the type of variable; but right now I am only interested in changing the name of this array, which will be that first byte. So, I'll have to tell you that in this case the byte we are looking for will not be pointed to by VARS, but by another system variable, DEST at 16402+256\*16403. The plot thickens. We have to do the following: Assuming that B\$(1,TO3)="OHI" .....PRINT PEEK 16402+256\*PEEK16403 AFTER this: LET B\$(1,1)="O".....FROM the address resulting subtract (in this case) eight. Then PEEK this last result (in this case, it should be 199). 199 minus 32=167 which is Inverse B. POKE that byte with 198. Then, try PRINT A\$(1) and it should print "OHI".

Incidentally, when I use BASIC to delete an array or string which I no longer need, I use e.g., DIM K\$(1). If I use DIM K\$(0) I get an Error Code 3; and I do not want to bother my user with Error Codes. Machine Code can do a cleaner job; but, CLEAR is generally unusable; so the DIM(1)s are a good compromise.

John A. Lyons  
Columbus, Oh

Obviously this method will not work if there is not enough RAM for the two expanded arrays. (In my file program, the main storage array T\$(700,36) uses over 25K of memory.) But if you have enough RAM, this can be a valuable tip no matter what computer you are programming on.

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The portability of the TS-1500 and its sturdiness (compared to the TS-1000), as well as its low cost, make this computer an excellent choice for lending. The machines are loaned out in a molded plastic carrying case for protection. The library leases the

computers from Scioto Software Systems, Inc., Rt. 1, Box 41, Lucasville, Ohio 45648. Also available are programming manuals and software on cassette.

A recent issue of Ramblings (a newsletter put out by Timex) describes a public library in Shrub Oak, New York, that loans out a TS-1000 and a ZX-81, with 16K RAMs, tape recorder, and software cassettes. The program instituted there has been quite successful. "How to Market Your Timex-Sinclair Software" by Softmark Associates reports that a Montreal library has a similar arrangement.

We have heard from a few user groups, including the Cincinnati Timex Sinclair User Group, who are actively encouraging local libraries to obtain Timex computers to lend to their patrons.

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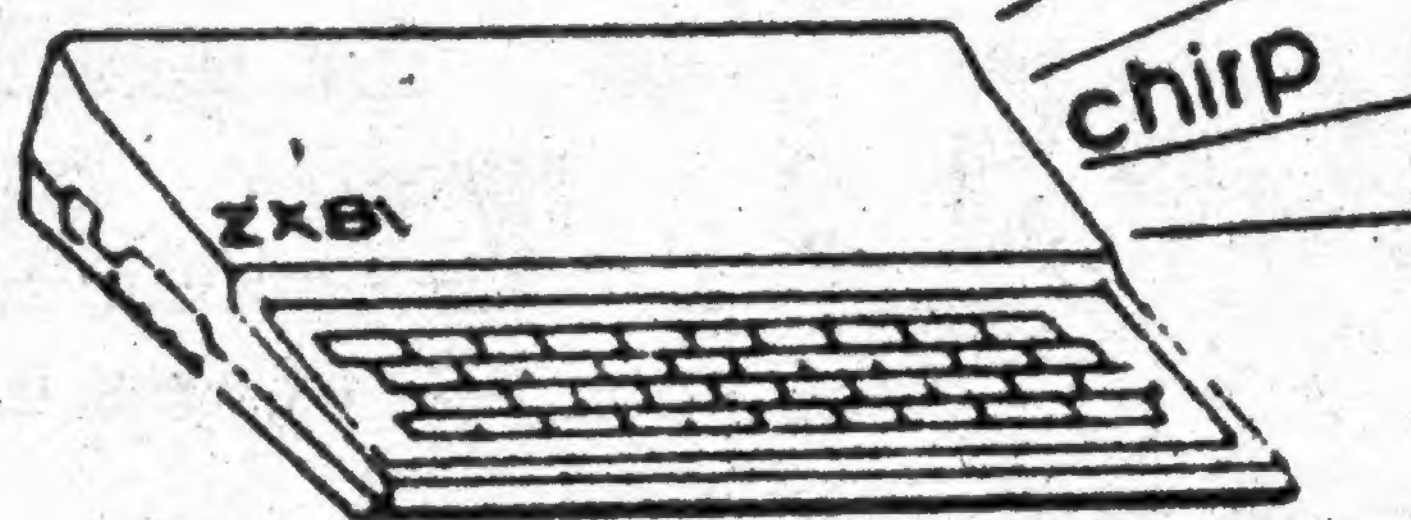
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# PROGRAM Tips

## FILE PROTECTION

by Bill Johnson

Have you ever lost an entire program because of a bad SAVE that you weren't aware of, or a system crash that obliterated your program during a SAVE? This happens because most of us SAVE programs repeatedly on the same tape, erasing the previous copy of a program every time we store it on cassette. If you have had this experience (and what programmer hasn't?) you know the value of keeping at least one current back-up copy on tape of both programs and software that you're developing.

This is relatively simple for programs that manipulate data but do not require you to SAVE data on a mass-storage device, because you never SAVE over the original.

But what if you have a program that is used several times a week in the course of a few months and is required to accumulate and save data along with the program each time it is used? In this case a single bad SAVE in the course of normal use could wipe out a month or more of data. One solution to this problem is to SAVE the program twice each time you use it, but this still would not protect you from the possibility of having two bad SAVES ruin your day and it consumes far too much time.

My solution (a rather simple one with a few embellishments) is to SAVE the program on alternating sides of the tape. This method only requires you to SAVE the program once each time you update it, and if a bad SAVE is discovered when the program is next LOADED, there is still a copy of the program and data on the other side of the tape (which has incidentally been verified by its use to be a good copy) and all that has been lost is the data entered in the most recent session.

In the following listing I have incorporated:

1. Instruction to set the computer and tape recorder to minimize human SAVE errors.
2. Program execution of SAVE (therefore program self-starting).
3. Instructions to alternate tape sides.

### Notes On The Listing

\* Line 9990 should be used to GOTO the first line of your program to automatically begin program execution.

\* You may want to insert a message at the beginning of your program stating that if the program has just been SAVED, rewind the tape to the beginning and store it before shutting down the computer. This will prevent confusion as to which side of the tape you used last.

This technique is also applicable when you are developing programs. Instead of saving over each successive copy, use the opposite side of the tape. You'll use a few more cassettes that way but the peace of mind is worth it.

```

9900 REM *SAVE TO TAPE*
9905 PRINT "    < SAVE REVISED F
ILES >"
9910 PRINT "LAST TAPE SIDE LOA
DED: "/B$
9915 IF B$="B" THEN GOTO 9995
9920 LET B$="B"
9925 PRINT "    TO SAVE THESE FI
LES:"
9930 PRINT "    *FLIP TAPE TO SID
E <"/B$> AND"
9940 PRINT "    REWIND TO BEGINNING
OF LEADER"
9950 PRINT "    *PRESS <RECORD> O
N TAPE PLAYER"
9955 PRINT "    AND HIT THE <RETURN
> KEY"
9960 INPUT Z$
9965 PRINT "    THE PROGRAM + FI
LES WILL BE"
9970 PRINT "    STORED WHEN LEADER H
AS PASSED."
9975 PAUSE 450
9980 SAVE ""
9985 CLS
9990 GOTO 9900
9995 LET B$="A"
9996 GOTO 9925

```

```

    < SAVE REVISED FILES >
LAST TAPE SIDE LOADED: B

TO SAVE THESE FILES.....

*FLIP TAPE TO SIDE <A> AND
REWIND TO BEGINNING OF LEADER

*PRESS <RECORD> ON TAPE PLAYER
AND HIT THE <RETURN> KEY

THE PROGRAM + FILES WILL BE
STORED WHEN LEADER HAS PASSED.

```

EXAMPLE: FILE PROTECTION



# Project

## "A SIMPLE LOADING AID"

by Gordon Young

Rick has allowed me to submit article material for this extremely useful publication, and probably the best 'first' item to share with you is a simple loading aid that has become a fixed add on in my own system. If you build and use it yourself for a while, you will find that trying to get along without it will be difficult. It first of all incorporates a simple on/off switch to eliminate the plug-in connector. Frequent plugging in and unplugging eventually wears out the plug receptor jack.

Loading difficulties arise from a number of reasons and the most predominate is that from heating. One of the 40 pin chips inside the TS1000 takes the place of a dozen or so smaller ones and although it allows the physical size to be much smaller, the heat is too much for it alone to dissipate. All new production units are equipped with a small heat radiator that is permanently affixed to the chip and has, as far as I have seen, done away with the majority of loading problems or more specifically, crashes.

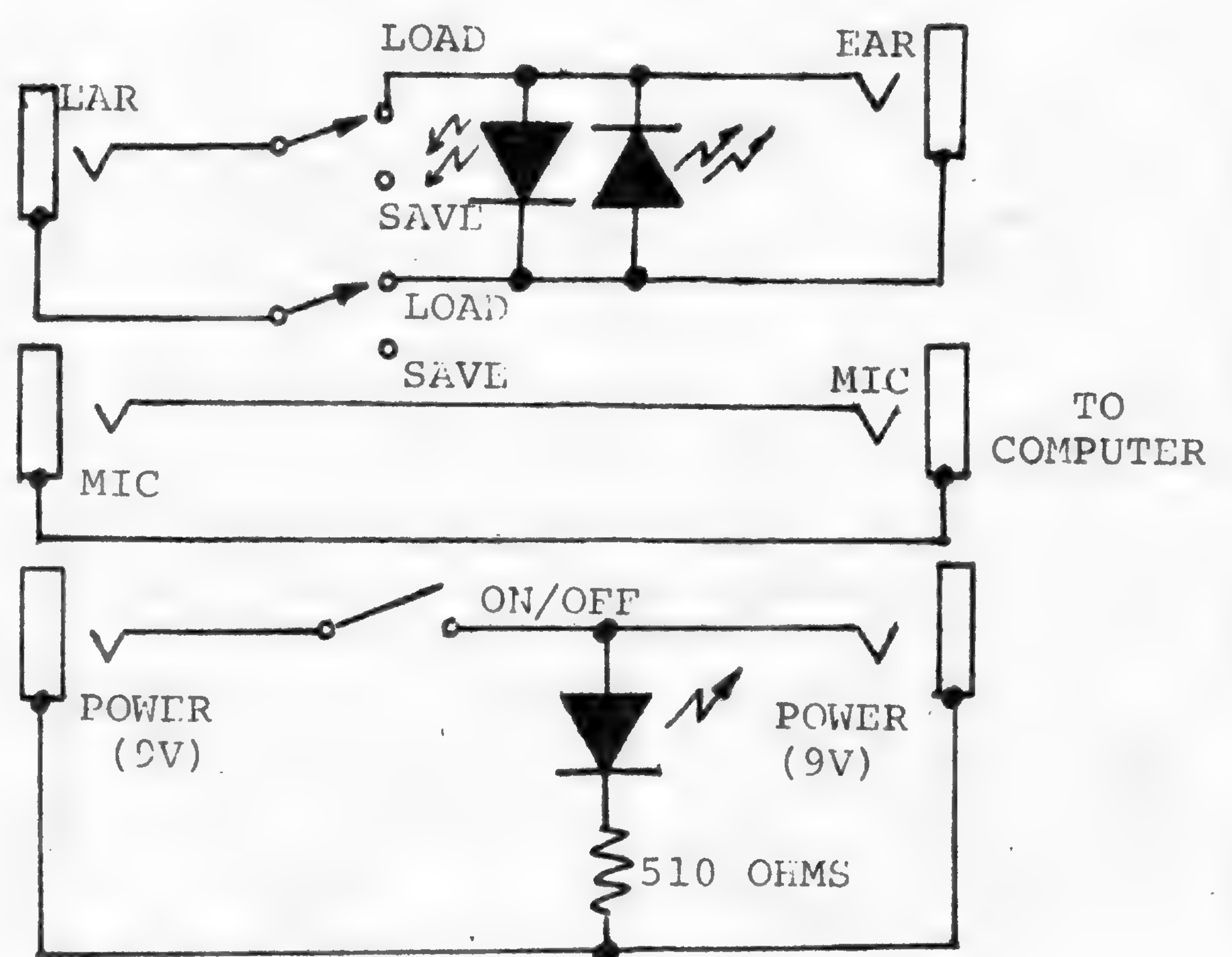
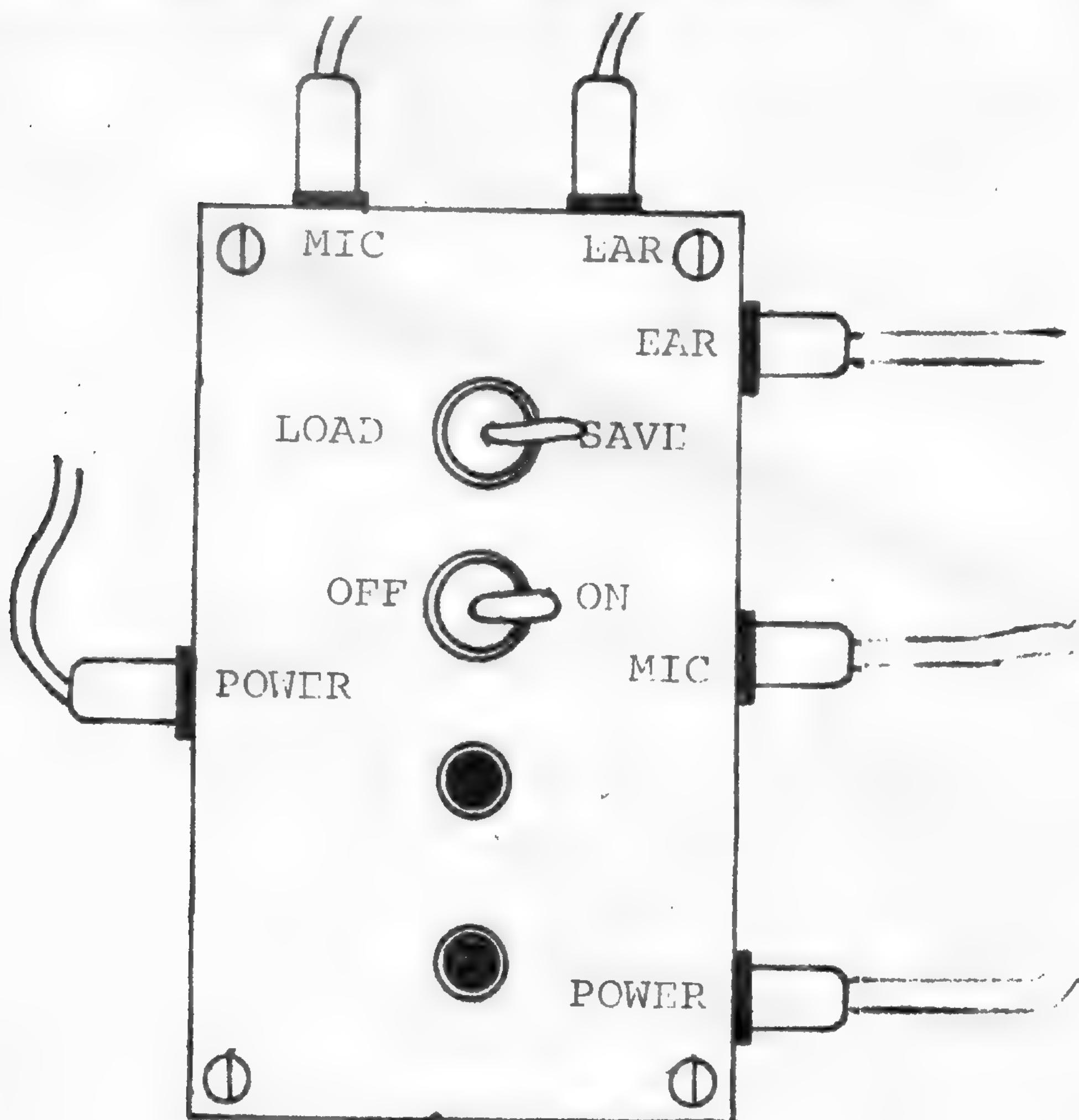
Another problem is with the tape player you use. Most that I have seen (in our local user group), are cheap and inadequate recorders that are a bit poor in rendering not only a good output signal, but even other unseen electrical problems such as ground loops! This problem was noticed when the player was left running with no cassette inside. After touching the EAR plug to the EAR jack on the tape player, a very high pitched sound was noticed. Almost inaudible, you may or may

not even hear it or see it on the screen. More often than not, the computer will not be affected by it but depending on the number of devices (MONITOR, PRINTER, COMPUTER, TAPE PLAYER, ETC.) you have running, it may become a real annoyance. This loading aid will serve to eliminate these and other inconveniences you might experience.

All parts needed for this project may be obtained from Radio Shack and very little needs to be said about its construction. The only interesting component is the Light Emitting Diodes. These are connected back to back such that if any clipping occurs, it occurs equally among the signals on line. They do not begin to conduct until the signal reaches about 1.2 volts. When conduction occurs, they begin to glow. They can glow brilliantly if enough signal is pumped down the patch cord by turning the tape player volume up very high.

Take the plastic enclosure and drill holes to receive the 1/8th inch female phono jacks. Drill 3 on one side, 2 in the rear and one on the left. The lid of the enclosure should be drilled to hold the 2 switches, and LEDs. Wire and solder as shown.

Check your wiring and plug it in to the system. Load a program and monitor the brightness level of the LED. I have perfect results when it is set such that it just begins to glow. Yours may differ, but even with poorly recorded tapes you should be able to adjust the tape player volume to cause the indicator to turn on. Now, use it for a month and remove the loading aid. See if you can conveniently adjust your recorders level without it!



### NOTE:

The SAVEing LED can be mounted inside the case.

### LIST OF MATERIALS

- 1 - DPDT Mini Switch *2.29*
- 1 - SPST Mini Switch *2.48*
- 3 - Light Emitting Diodes *- 2 red / 69 - 1 yolk*
- 6 - 1/8th inch mini jacks *4.00*
- 1 - 510 OHM resistor 1/4W
- 1 - Small Project box *2.00*



## NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

### Runge-Kutta Method For Solving First Order Ordinary Differential Equations

By: K.D. Lewis

This article considers the numerical solution of the initial value problem

$$y' = f(y, t) \dots (1)$$

with

$$y(t_0) = y_0.$$

One of the more widely used methods of obtaining a numerical solution to equation (1) with initial condition is to use the Runge-Kutta formulas. The classical Runge-Kutta formula (i.e. the so-called "fourth order" formula) is one which is "equivalent" to a five-term Taylor formula:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h y_n' + \frac{h^2}{2!} y_n'' + \frac{h^3}{3!} y_n''' + \frac{h^4}{4!} y_n^{iv}$$

where the  $y''$ ,  $y'''$  and  $y^{iv}$  denote the value of the indicated derivative of the exact solution to (1) at the point  $x_n$ . By "equivalent" it is meant that the local formula errors in the numerical procedure are each proportional to the same power of  $h$  plus (possibly different) higher order terms.

The Runge-Kutta formula involves a weighted average of values of  $f(y, t)$  taken at different points in the interval  $x_n \leq x \leq x_{n+1}$ . It is given by

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{6} (K_{n1} + 2K_{n2} + 2K_{n3} + K_{n4}) \quad (2a)$$

$$\text{where } K_{n1} = f(y_n, t_n) \quad (2b)$$

$$K_{n2} = f(y_n + \frac{1}{2}hK_{n1}, t_n + \frac{1}{2}h) \quad (2c)$$

$$K_{n3} = f(y_n + \frac{1}{2}hK_{n2}, t_n + \frac{1}{2}h) \quad (2d)$$

$$K_{n4} = f(y_n + hK_{n3}, t_n + h) \quad (2e)$$

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The advantages of the Runge-Kutta formula as presented here are:

(i) it has the important advantage of being a "self-starting" and a "single-step" method. This means that by taking only the initial value  $y(t_0)$  as the starting point, the entire solution to the problem can be generated.

(ii) it is easily programmed

(iii) it has good stability characteristics

(iv) the step size (called  $h$  above) can be changed as desired without any complications

The principal disadvantage is that more computer time is required with this method than with other methods of comparable accuracy.

#### The Program:

In order to use this program, you must rearrange your differential equation so that it is in the form of equation (1), with only the derivative ( $y'$ ) on one side, and

everything else,  $f(y,t)$ , on the other side. Having done this, you will need to change the function in the program so that your  $f(y,t)$ , obtained from the rearrangement above, is written into the program. Once this is done, you can put the program into the "RUN" mode. In this mode, you will be prompted for four pieces of information. First, the incremental step, (i.e.  $h$  in the above discussion) will be input. Next, the initial value of the independent variable (referred to as  $t$  in the above discussion) is input. Following this, the final value must be input. Finally, the initial value of  $y$  (i.e.  $y(t_0)$ ) must be input. When this is done, the program will generate a solution to your differential equation problem.

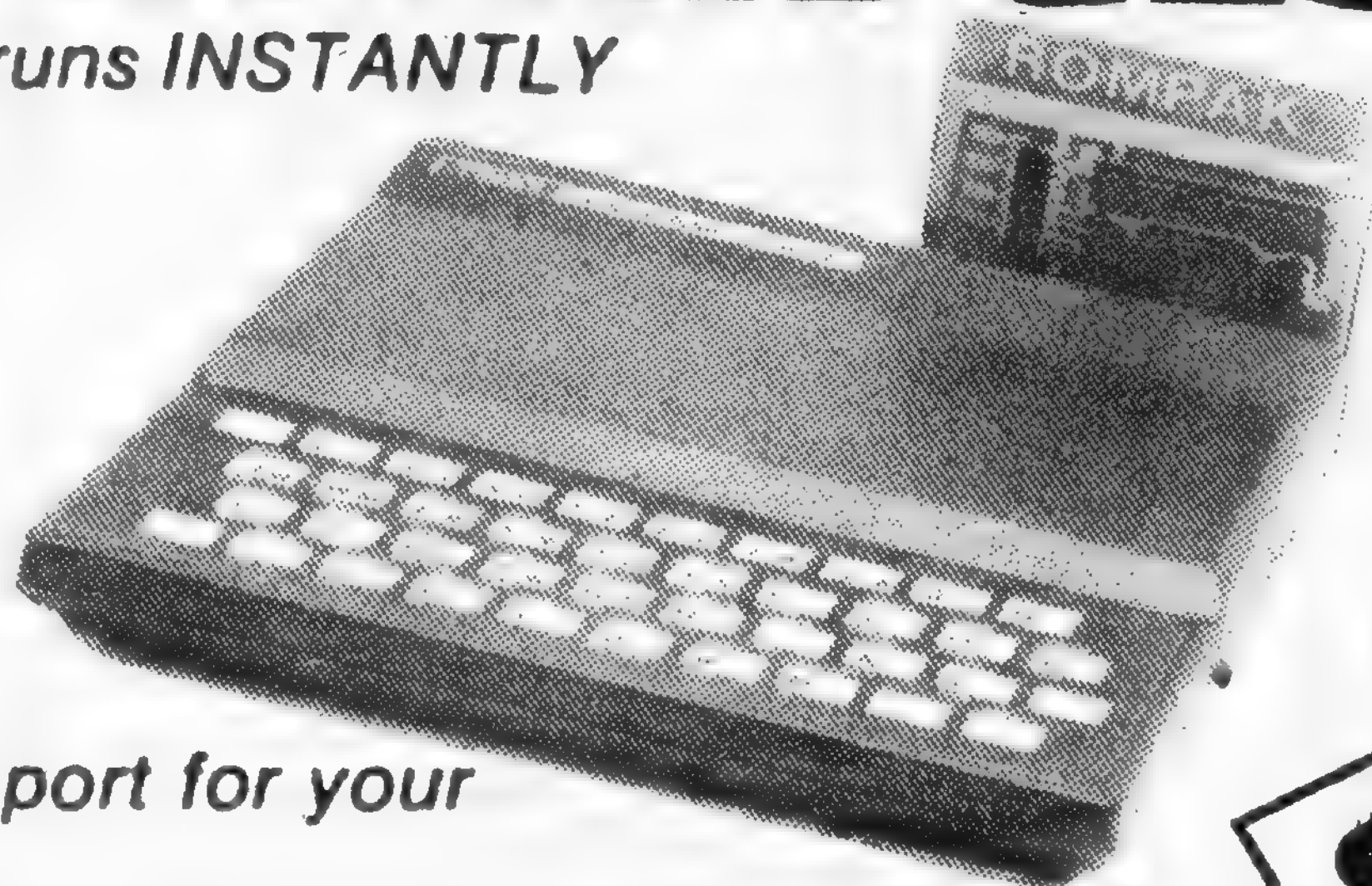
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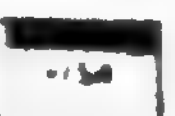
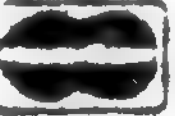
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10 REM RUNGE
20 DIM Y(3)
23 DIM F(3)
27 INPUT DELT
30 INPUT T0
31 INPUT THAX
33 INPUT Y0
35 LET TD=T0
39 LET YD=Y0
42 LET YP=Y0
44 PRINT "TIME      Y-VALUE"
45 GOSUB 310
46 LET F(1)=FYT
51 LET Y(1)=YP+(DELT/2)*FYT
54 LET YD=Y(1)
55 LET TD=TD+DELT/2
57 GOSUB 310
59 LET F(2)=FYT
60 LET Y(2)=YP+(DELT/2)*FYT
63 LET YD=Y(2)
66 GOSUB 310
70 LET Y(3)=YP+DELT*FYT
73 LET F(3)=FYT
76 LET TD=TD+DELT/2
80 LET YD=Y(3)
83 GOSUB 310
85 LET PP=DELT*(1/6)*(F(1)+FYT
1 86 LET QQ=DELT*(1/3)*(F(2)+F(3)
1 87 LET YN=YP+PP+QQ
88 PRINT ""
89 PRINT TD,"      ";YN
90 IF TD<=THAX THEN GOTO 92
91 STOP
92 LET YP=YN
95 LET YD=YN
100 GOTO 45
310 REM SUBROUTINE
312 REM *****
313 REM ***IN STATEMENT 315***
314 REM **CHANGE FUNCTION**
315 LET FYT=1-YD**2
320 RETURN
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0.6	0.5370488
0.7	0.60436681
0.8	0.66403562
0.9	0.71629656
1	0.76159271
1.1	0.80049748
1.2	0.83365301
1.3	0.86172154
1.4	0.88535005
1.5	0.9051467
1.6	0.92166707
1.7	0.93540768
1.8	0.94680472
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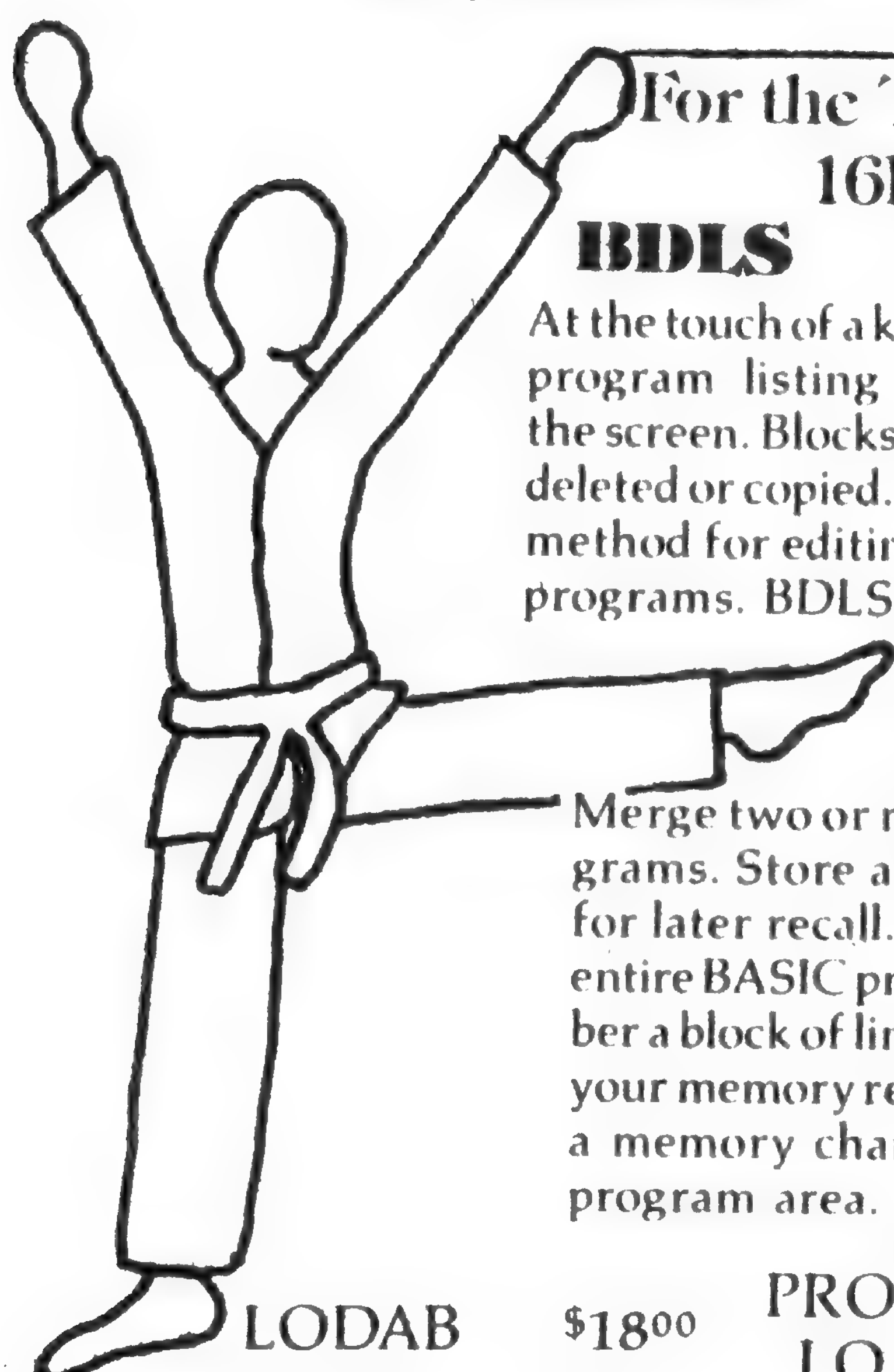
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# FEATURE

PAGE: 8

By Lien Chii,

Programmer for THE ULTIMATE BLACKWOOD

This article will give you a very useful utilities program, and will demonstrate and explain its use.

## INFORMATION IS BROUGHT INSTANTLY ONTO THE SCREEN

A PAGE-FLIPPER is a program which will store information from the TV screen into the memory of your computer, and then allow you to bring it back onto the screen instantly! This information may be either text or graphics, or a combination of both. A PAGE refers to a full screen of information, and "PAGE: 8" (see LISTING 1) is a page-flipping program which gives you control of eight pages of information.

## "PAGE: 8" IS SIMPLE TO USE AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND

Beginners and others can easily use "PAGE: 8" within their own programs. Menus can be projected onto the screen in any order, and fairly simple animation may be done. Before discussing how the program is used, we will look at what it does and how it works.

Start by entering LISTINGS 1 and 2 into your TS/ZX. LISTING 1 is the page-flipper program, and LISTING 2 is a program designed to demonstrate the abilities of "PAGE: 8".

After entering the LISTINGS, ENTER the command GOTO 1000. The program begins by creating eight individual pages. As you view them, "PAGE: 8" copies these images into the storage area. Because the programs are written in BASIC, the storage time is long, about 100 seconds per PAGE. It is worth it, however. The pages recall instantly onto the screen with only two lines of BASIC, and all of your PRINT statements, which originally set up your page, may be deleted!

While the pages are being stored, read through the rest of the article. You will be notified when the demonstration is ready.

## PROGRAM THEORY AND ANALYSIS

The TV screen obtains its information from the "DISPLAY FILE", an area within the computer's RAM. To store a page, the page-flipper copies the DISPLAY FILE into a storage area. To recall the page to the screen, the program copies the stored page back into the DISPLAY FILE.

"PAGE: 8" uses the string A\$ for the page storage. In the TS1000, a page is 22 lines of 32 characters each. This means that 32x22 (704) characters per page must be stored. Each character occupies one space within the storage area A\$, so that eight pages require 8x704 (5632) spaces available. This explains the top line of LISTING 1: DIM A\$ (5632). This command should not be entered after any pages are stored since they would be erased. This is the reason for entering the DIM command with no line number: you will not accidentally erase your pages.

## LISTING 1

```

DIM A$(5632)
5 REM "PAGE: 8" 12/83 TUB
10 LET A=(PAGE-1)*704
20 LET B=PEEK 16396+256*PEEK 1
6397
30 LET C=0
40 FOR D=1 TO 726
50 LET E=PEEK (B+D)
60 IF E=118 THEN GOTO 90
70 LET A$(A+C+D)=CHR$ E
80 NEXT D
90 LET C=C+1
100 NEXT D
110 RETURN
115 REM PRINT SUBROUTINE
120 LET F=(PAGE-1)*704+1
130 PRINT AT 0,0;A$(F TO F+703)
140 RETURN
999 REM DEMO
1000 DIM A$(5632)
1005 LET Z$=""
1010 LET PAGE=1
1020 FOR N=1 TO 704

```

## LISTING 2

```

999 REM DEMO
1000 DIM A$(5632)
1005 LET Z$=""
1010 LET PAGE=1
1020 FOR N=1 TO 704
1030 PRINT " ";
1040 NEXT N
1050 PRINT AT 19,11;"PAGE : ";PAGE
1060 GOSUB 10
1070 LET PAGE=PAGE+1
1080 IF PAGE=9 THEN GOTO 2000
1090 LET X=10-PAGE*2
1100 PRINT AT PAGE*2,X;Z$
1110 LET Z$=Z$+Z$
1120 GOTO 1050
2000 CLS
2010 PRINT "DEMO READY : PRESS A
KEY"
2020 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 2020
2030 LET PAGE=1
2040 GOSUB 120
2050 LET PAGE=PAGE+1
2060 IF PAGE<9 THEN GOTO 2040
2070 LET PAGE=PAGE-1
2075 CLS
2080 GOSUB 120
2090 IF PAGE=2 THEN GOTO 2030
2100 GOTO 2070

```



Lines 10 through 110 form the subroutine which stores the pages. Lines 20, 40, and 50 locate the DISPLAY FILE and find the 704 characters to be stored. In the TS, each line of display ends with an end-of-line marker, 118. This is why, in line 50, D runs from 1 to 726, and not 704. There are 22 end-of-line markers to account for. Lines 30, 60, 90, 100, and 110 cause the program to skip these markers. Line 10 finds the start of the page within the storage area, A\$. The variable PAGE is set by the user before entering the subroutine, and must have a value of 1 to 8. Later when the pages are ready to be recalled, PAGE is assigned to tell the program which page to print. Line 70 places the characters in their correct position within A\$.

Lines 120, 130 and 140 form the subroutine which prints the pages. Once your pages are stored, lines 10 through 110 may be deleted. Of course you may not use RUN or CLEAR without losing A\$.

#### USING "PAGE: 8" IN YOUR PROGRAMS

Study LISTING 2 and notice that the image to be stored is first printed on the screen. Next, PAGE is assigned, and then GOSUB 10 is used. Do not forget to DIM A\$ first. When the demonstration is ready and running, PAGE is again assigned and GOSUB 120 is used. If a display is stored with PAGE = 5, then assigning PAGE = 5 followed by GOSUB 120 will recall that same page. These guidelines should make it easy for you to use PAGE: 8 within your own programs:

1. Enter PAGE: 8 into your computer along with your accompanying program.
2. STORING THE PAGES Use standard PRINT and PLOT commands to display the pages to be stored. Assign a number 1 to 8 for each page. AT THE POINT IN YOUR BASIC

PROGRAM WHERE THE PAGE IS COMPLETELY ON THE SCREEN, ENTER THESE THREE LINES: 1) LET PAGE = the number assigned to this page. 2) GOSUB 10 (See LISTING 1). 3) STOP This line is for convenience only. When the STOP is reached, the Page is stored and you then repeat this procedure for each page.

When you have completed this procedure, you delete all of your print statements and the lines which stored them. I recommend that you test the results first though.

3. RECALLING THE PAGES Each page recall requires two BASIC lines: 1) LET PAGE = the number assigned to this page 2) GOSUB 200 (See LISTING 1)

#### FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

1. To speed up the page storage, add lines 5 FAST and 105 SLOW to LISTING 1.

2. You may use fewer or more pages by changing the initial DIM A\$ statement.

3. It is possible to store a page using print statements as demonstrated, but without the pages being displayed on the screen while they are being stored. (Hint: the system variable DF-CC would be used.)

This concludes the PAGE: 8 article. Write to me with any suggestions or discoveries that you make with PAGE: 8. I have a tape available with three machine language versions of a page-flipper. Each version uses a different area of memory depending upon your needs. Inquire if interested.

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# FEATURE

## ANIMATION

by John Marion

Cartoons, as you know, are made up of many drawings which are flipped one after the other. This flipping or "page flipping" as it is called on computers, gives the appearance of free flowing movement. Using this same principle, we can do cartoon-like animation on our computer. Although, we can't do full length cartoons, we can flip forwards or backwards 18 pages.

### HOW TO USE

If no drawings are in memory, and you enter a 1 for the menu selection, the computer will ask you how many drawings you wish to draw. This is because the program uses arrays and in order to save in loading and saving time, you should only reserve as many pictures as you will use. Eighteen pages, are the maximum that 16k will hold but if you have more memory the computer will hold more pictures.

#### I. DRAW

The unshifted arrow keys (5, 6, 7, and 8) are used to move a cursor around on the screen. This cursor begins in the lower left corner. As the cursor is moved it draws a line. You can erase by pressing "9" and retracing a previous line. Pressing "9" again allows you to draw again. When the drawing is complete, press "Q" to quit. When this is done, the screen will go blank for about 30 seconds, after which the menu will return.

#### II DISPLAY

To display a picture, enter the page number of the drawing you wish to see. After viewing the drawing, press any key but break and the computer will ask if you wish to see another or return to the menu.

#### III ANIMATE

When you enter this mode, the drawing on page one will appear. By pressing the 7 key, the pages will begin to flip forwards and will stop at the last drawing. By pressing the 6 key, the pages will begin to flip backwards and will stop at the first drawing. To return to the menu, press Q.

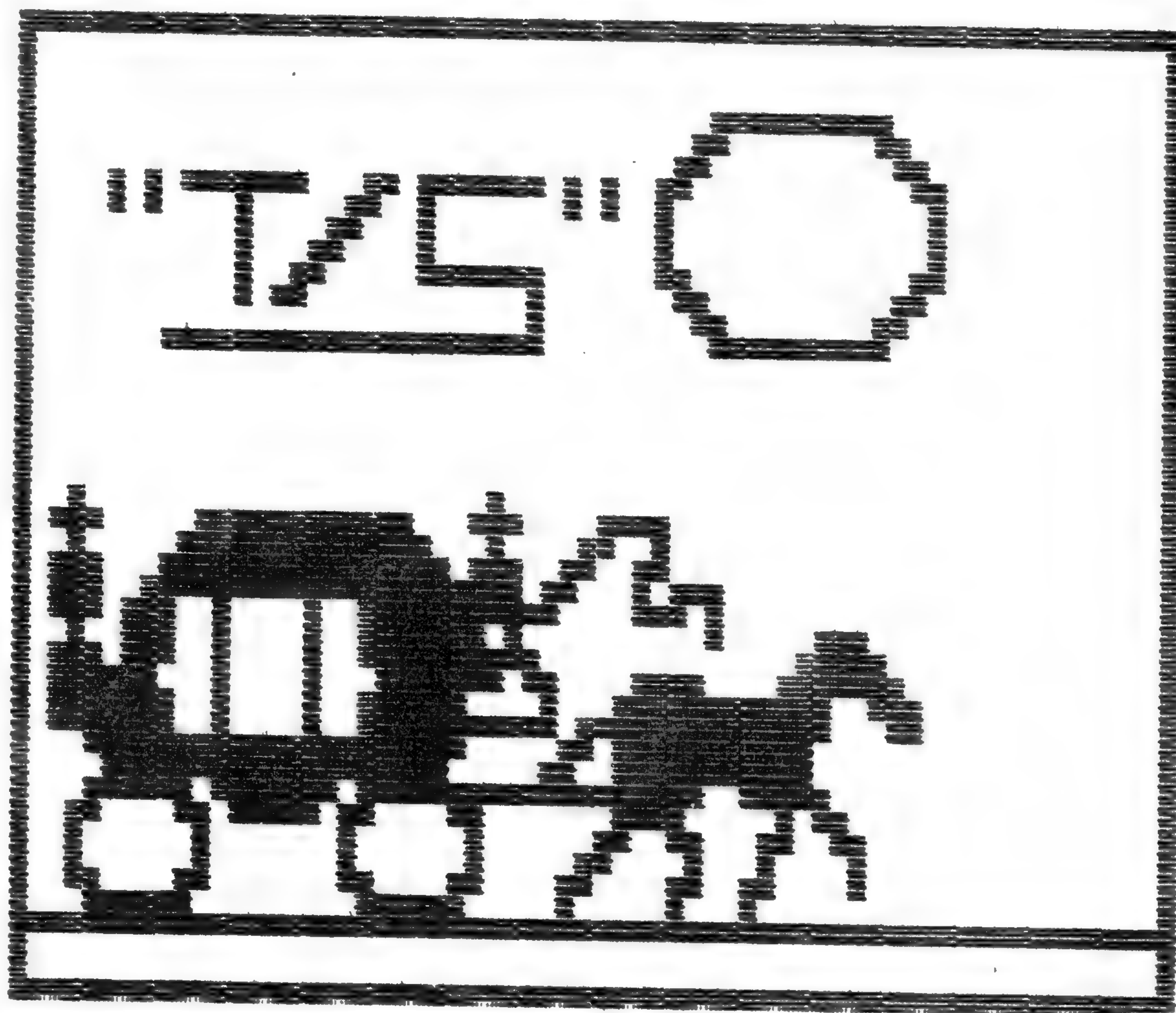
#### VI CHANGE

In this mode, you can call up one drawing, alter it and save it as the next drawing. Also you can use it to edit a drawing and save it under the same drawing number. After entering the numbers, you will be in the drawing mode as before, but your drawing will be on the screen. When you are finished, you can exit in the same way as before by pressing Q and the menu will return.

Let me know if you like this program and if you have any changes or improvements, I would like to know about them.

## LISTING

```
10 REM ANIMATE
20 LET NP=0
30 LET D=1
40 LET PN=1
100 CLS
110 PRINT AT 3,12;"MENU"
120 PRINT AT 6,9;"(1) DRAW"
130 PRINT AT 8,9;"(2) DISPLAY"
140 PRINT AT 10,9;"(3) ANIMATE"
150 PRINT AT 12,9;"(4) CHANGE P
IC"
160 PRINT AT 14,9;"(5) SAVE"
170 PRINT AT 16,9;"(6) QUIT"
180 INPUT M
190 GOTO (1000*M)
1000 REM MENU
1010 CLS
1020 IF NP>0 THEN GOTO 1070
1030 PRINT AT 5,2;"ENTER THE NUM
BER OF PICTURES"
1040 PRINT AT 7,6;"YOU WISH TO D
RAW"
1050 INPUT NP
1060 IF NP<1 OR NP>18 THEN PRINT
AT 18,10;"SUBMIT"
1070
```



EXAMPLE-"ANIMATE PROGRAM"  
This graphic was submitted by Steve Douglas of T S Research in Dayton, Ohio. It was done using Steve's own drawing program. However, it does serve to illustrate the drawings you can make using ANIMATE.



```

1058 IF NP<1 OR NP>18 THEN GOTO 1050
1050 DIM A$(NP,704)
1070 CLS
1075 LET P=PN
1080 LET X=0
1090 LET Y=0
1100 IF D=-1 THEN GOTO 1140
1110 UNPLOT X,Y
1120 PLOT X,Y
1130 GOTO 1150
1140 PLOT X,Y
1150 UNPLOT X,Y
1160 LET X=X+(INKEY$="8" AND X<53)-(INKEY$="5" AND X>0)
1170 LET Y=Y+(INKEY$="7" AND Y<43)-(INKEY$="6" AND Y>0)
1180 IF INKEY$="9" THEN LET D=D*-1
1190 IF INKEY$="0" THEN GOTO 1300
1200 GOTO 1100
1300 FAST
1310 LET DF=(PEEK 16396+256*PEEK 16397)
1320 FOR A=1 TO 704
1330 IF PEEK (DF+A)=118 THEN LET DF=DF+1
1340 LET A$(P,A)=CHR$ PEEK (DF+A)
1350 NEXT A
1360 SLOW
1370 LET PN=PN+1
1380 GOTO 100
2000 REM DISPLAY
2010 CLS
2020 PRINT AT 4,5;"ENTER NUMBER OF PAGE";AT 6,7;"YOU WISH TO SEE"
2030 INPUT SP
2040 IF SP>NP OR SP<1 THEN GOTO 2030
2050 CLS
2055 PRINT A$(SP)
2056 PAUSE 2000
2060 PRINT AT 21,0;"DO YOU WISH TO SEE ANOTHER (Y/N)"
2070 INPUT B$
2080 IF B$="Y" THEN GOTO 2000
2090 GOTO 100
3000 REM END OF PAGE
3010 CLS
3020 LET PA=1
3030 PRINT AT 0,0;A$(PA)
3040 LET PA=PA+(INKEY$="7")-(INKEY$="6")
3050 IF PA>NP THEN LET PA=NP
3060 IF PA<1 THEN LET PA=1
3070 IF INKEY$="0" THEN GOTO 100
3080 GOTO 3030
4000 REM END OF PAGE
4010 CLS
4020 PRINT AT 4,2;"ENTER THE NUMBER OF THE PAGE";AT 6,6;"YOU WISH TO CHANGE"
4030 INPUT PC
4040 IF PC<1 OR PC>NP THEN GOTO 4030

```

```

4090 PRINT AT 8,0;"ENTER PAGE NUMBER TO SAVE UNDER"
4100 INPUT P
4105 CLS
4110 PRINT A$(PC)
4120 GOTO 1080
5000 REM END OF PAGE
5010 CLS
5020 PRINT AT 8,4;"START TAPE AND HIT ENTER"
5030 IF INKEY$=CHR$ 118 THEN GOTO 5060
5040 PRINT AT 8,4;"START TAPE AND HIT ENTER"
5050 GOTO 5020
5060 CLS
5065 SAVE "DRAW"
5070 FOR Z=1 TO 20
5080 PRINT AT 10,10;"STOP TAPE"
5090 PRINT AT 10,10;"STOP TAPE"
5100 NEXT Z
5110 GOTO 100
6000 REM END OF PAGE
6010 CLS

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Reviewed by Tex Faucette

Inside the front cover of the ZX PRO/FILE Manual, Mr. Woods dedicates this Program to all Timex and ZX81 owners who refuse to believe that their machines are "just a toy". Inside the back cover is an invitation to subscribe to a quarterly newsletter, "PRO/FILE UPdates".

Between these two covers is found over 50 Pages of the best documentation that this reviewer has encountered. Mr. Woods, in this documentation, has set a goal which other Programmers would do well to strive for.

The manual begins with a brief statement of the Program capabilities and loading instructions, then proceeds through a series of paragraphs explaining each function available in the program. Following a discussion of printer parameters is a section on program modifications which includes one such mod to utilize the FASTLOAD program from International Publishing and Software. Other suggested modifications include File Search/File Count, adaption to RAMs larger than 16k, adaption to TIMEX printer, and "do file" which may be used to enable a disk or "stringy-floppy". Appendix I contains an annotated Basic listing. Appendix II has both a machine code tutorial and a well-annotated machine code listing.

ZX PRO/FILE reached me already configured for my MEMO-TECH parallel interface and Seikosha GP-100 printer. The program loaded on the first try, presenting me with the Main Search Menu. The main menu gives options to search (by single or multi word), add, save, auto search (displays all files),

or alter print format. It also displays current print status and amount of space open. Set for 16k RAM over 10,000 characters may be loaded. Individual files may be of any size, with line length limited to 27 characters. Entry of a line of over 27 characters gives a message that the line is too long and requests re-entry. Files are separated by use of the star (shift B), which is automatically poked into the first line of each file. A file is closed when desiring by entering "c". The first line of each file must contain data, but after that blank lines may be reserved for later use by entering a period. The cursor moves down to the next line when a line is entered, but may be moved up or down with the arrow keys (shift 6 or 7) for editing.

The only slow thing about this program is entering data with the Timex keyboard. I entered several individual files of genealogical data for test purposes, and discovered that both single and multi-word search commands executed almost instantly. Search command "TAYLOR" called up all the "Taylor" files, while search command "William" would give me all the "Williams" regardless of family name. The multi-word command "WILLIAM/TAYLOR" would yield the file on that individual only.

Printout was neat and quick. The "DEFP" (Define Pprinter) command allows specifying start line, number of lines printed, and number of lines between forms. This feature is great for such chores as preparing mailing labels, as well as printing out the somewhat longer ancestor files.

In conclusion, it is my opinion that Mr. Woods has done an outstanding job with this program in both the areas of performance and documentation. I believe that most users, after a practice run or two, will agree that it is also User Friendly!

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# MEMOCALC

Reviews For The Non-Programmer  
by A. Gindin

If you have purchased the Hunter Board and the Z-XLR8 EPROM I recommended last month, you have learned that the EPROM will not work with less than 16K of RAM. You can probably purchase 16K RAMPAKS cheaply from those of us who have connected to 64K. I am presently building the Byte-Back 64K memory board and will report on it later, but otherwise I have read little to suggest one 16K or 64K memory over another.

Most micro-computers today are packaged with a spread sheet. Sinclair has had the VUCALC available to some time, but my experiences have shown that it is inferior to the Memo-tech MEMOCALC.

The VUCALC is 36 columns across and 26 lines down and very easy to use. The cursor is moved instantly by pressing the arrow keys. It will repeat a formula across a line and thus will compute compound interest with one stroke. However, it does only hold about 40 formulae and will only accept the simple arithmetic functions +, -, x, ÷; and, since each formula can only be one line long, adding a column requires two sub-totals. Also, a zero must be entered in a blank square if that box is part of a calculation, or an "error" will result.

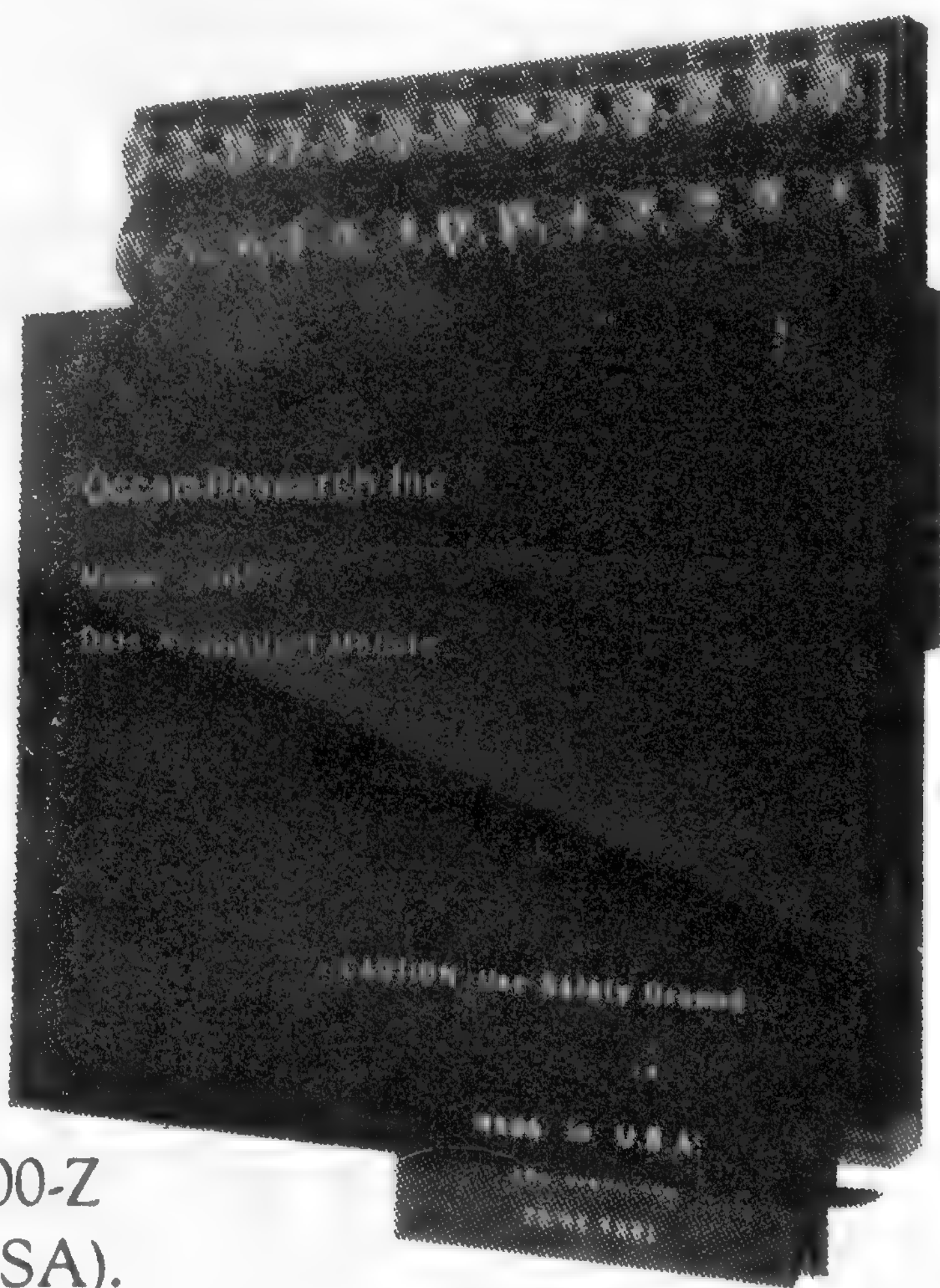
For \$15 the VUCALC is a very useful program for perhaps

a small investment program. However, I abandoned VUCALC because it did not have one command which is specified in the documentation. It is supposed to copy from the screen to the printer, but will not, (at least with my MemoTECH interface and Seikosha printer). In fact, it will not even accept the COPY command. I have written to Sinclair who asked that I return the program. I did, and I have received no answer for several months.

My replacement is the MemoTECH MEMOCALC which will print. It will also do more; i.e. do any calculation, do totals with one command, and print the months with one stroke. It will hold 1800 cells in 16K or 7600 in 48K. It is now selling for about \$40, due to the presence of the 2068, which is still considerably cheaper than one of the more famous spreadsheets. MEMOCALC is on a prom which means instant "loading" in the 12-16K area. Unfortunately this means that the Z-SLR8 has to be removed while it is in use. (I am working on a solution for this.) Naturally, as one gets a better product, more commands are involved which have to be memorized or referred to. Be sure you need all the features before you buy a more powerful tool.

Next month I will discuss a data base manager and perhaps some hardware to improve reliability. I would like to hear some opinions as to the best word processor for the TS-ZX.

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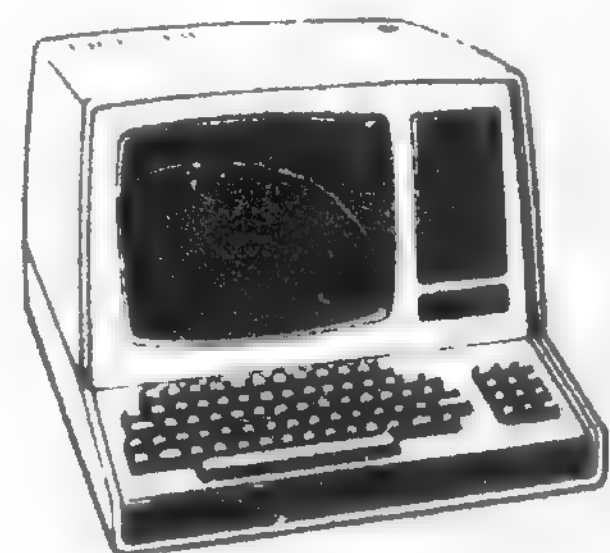
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When Clive Sinclair introduced the ZX81 to the British computer market, Timex, the watch company, handled the production. When Timex obtained the right to market the computer in North America (as the TS1000), they formed the Timex Computer Corporation. They also hired Dan Ross to head the division as vice-president of operations. Within five months, sales of the TS1000 accounted for 28 percent of all home computers sold in the U.S.

In a January 23 article, Info World reports that Ross has announced his resignation from Timex effective March 1984. His position will be taken by Mike Jacobi. The company's executive structure has been in a state of flux since last summer when the company began a major reorganization to speed introduction of the TS-1500, TS-2068, and related peripherals. Another goal of reorganization was the combination of Timex's three sales divisions - watches, clocks, and computers-into one.

Ross has not announced any plans for after his resignation. He has worked in the computer world for nearly twenty years. He began at IBM in data processing. Later he worked at ITEL Corp., and Memorex. He came to Timex in March 1982.

Next to Clive Sinclair himself, in the minds of many Timex-Sinclair users, Ross has been the man most closely identified with the Timex-Sinclair line of computers. In the last two years, Ross has worked closely with user groups and promoted educational use of the TS-1000. He implemented the toll-free Timex hotline (1-800-24-TIMEX). He recently spoke at the Boston Timex-Sinclair Celebration, where he introduced the TS-2068 and declared Timex's desire to work with other vendors to develop software for the Timex line of computers.



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**ITEM: SYNCWARE.** Several readers disagreed with our low assessment of Syncware News in the first issue of T-S Horizons. Well we were very impressed by issues 2 and 3, which contained a lot of good technical applications by knowledgeable writers. Consider this a retraction. If you are interested in the technical end of your TS1000, Syncware News is definitely worth checking out. \$15 for 6 issues. P.O. Box 5177, El Monte, CA 91734.

**ITEM: Wayne Green Books** announces the publication of *Converting To Timex/sinclair BASIC*, by Stuart L. Bird. This book explains and demonstrates how to convert programs written for other computers to run on the Timex/Sinclair 1000. Over 200 replacement commands are provided, each with a complete description and an example of the command in use. The book is organized into 15 chapters by category, in a dictionary-like format. The author also discusses the differences among BASICs, as well as certain problem situations and their solutions. \$14.95 from Wayne Green Books, Peterborough, NH 03458.

**TIP:** When your cassette tapes are used over and over, harmful noises can accumulate which a portable tape recorder cannot completely erase. Erasing tapes for programming on a stereo cassette deck can cut down on cassette LOADING problems.

**ITEM: Ace Software** announces two new programs for home financial applications:

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**ITEM: Softmark Associates**, 210 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010, has published a marketing guide specifically for Timex-Sinclair software. Subject matter runs from ideas for marketable programs to production and advertising. The book is called "How to Market Your Timex-Sinclair Software", and sells for \$14.95 - money order, VISA, or Master Card (include card number and expiration date.)



ITEM: Biblical Software.

The following is a list of TS programs that have biblical themes offered by several companies.

"David and Goliath" and "The Ark." Biblical questions based on these two Old Testament stories. Flipcharts included. \$12.95 each plus \$1.50 postage and handling. Christian Software, Box 547, St. Rt. 590, Bettsville, OH 44815.

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Marydel Frohme, St. Johns United Church of Christ, 601 N. Highway 83, Bensenville, IL 60106.

ITEM: 64K kit:

Gladstone Electronics is selling 64K RAMs for the TS 1000 as kits. Available in 3 forms. Complete kit with case \$79.95. Bare bones kit: includes case, boards, 44 pin connector (you supply IC's, capacitors, and voltage regulator) \$29.95. Fully assembled \$99.95. Add \$3 shipping. Gladstone

Electronics, 1585 Kenmore Ave., Buffalo, NY 14217. In Canada, 1736 Avenue Rd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5M 3Y7. (In Canada the prices are \$99.95, \$29.95, and \$149.95, respectively, and \$4.50 shipping.)

ITEM: Printer paper. Here are several sources for paper for the ZX and TS 2040 printers.

Timex TS 2040

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-E. Arthur Brown Co., 1702 Oak Knoll, Alexandria, MN 56308. Special paper. Similar to white stationery paper. Specify blue or black print. \$5.95 per roll.

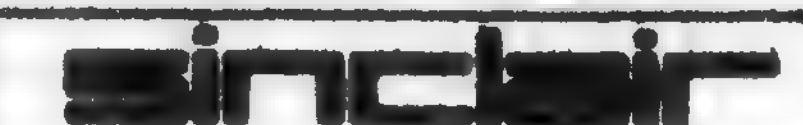
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Integrated Data Systems, 11 Brighton Av., Dept. TS, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4M 1P3. Silver-colored paper for the original ZX printer. \$11.00 for 3 rolls.

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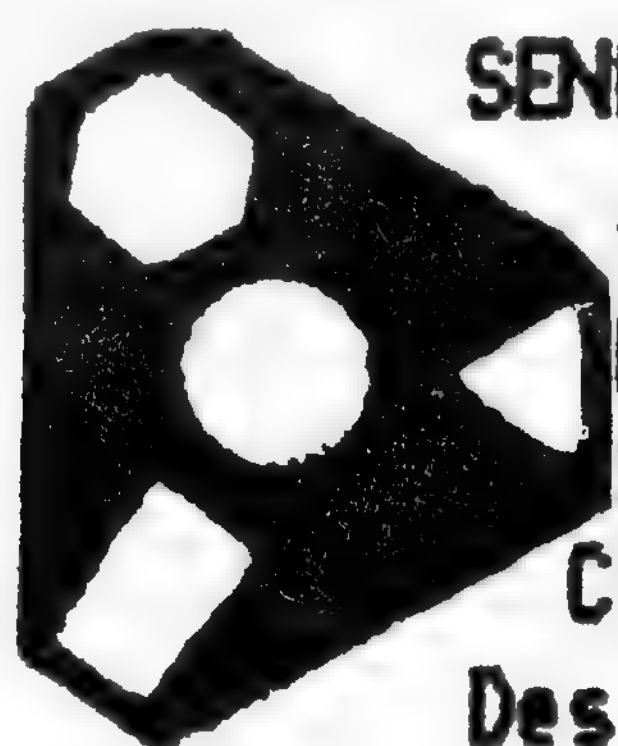
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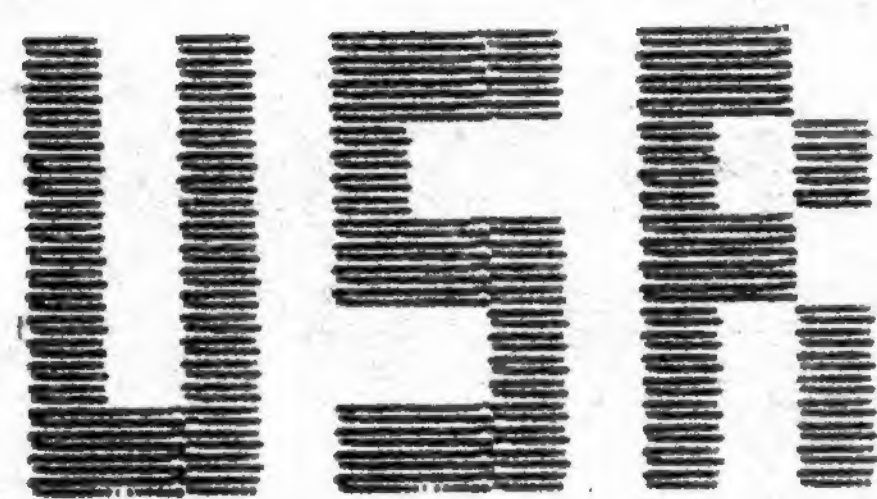
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Of all the computer users' groups out there, Timex and Sinclair groups are going to be among the two or three possible groups that will be likely candidates for the very desirable tax exemption whereby donors may deduct contributions to the group as provided in section 170 of the Code: bequests, legacies, transfers, or gifts to a group or for the use of the group are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code. The advance period is over after a years' time (December 31, 1984), and the ruling itself is based on the evidence that our funds and program are dedicated to the purposes set forth in section 501(c)(3) of the Code. And to assure our continued exemption, we should maintain records to show that funds are expended only for those purposes.

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If you would like more information, write to Triangle Sinclair U.G., 206 James St., Carrboro, NC 27510.

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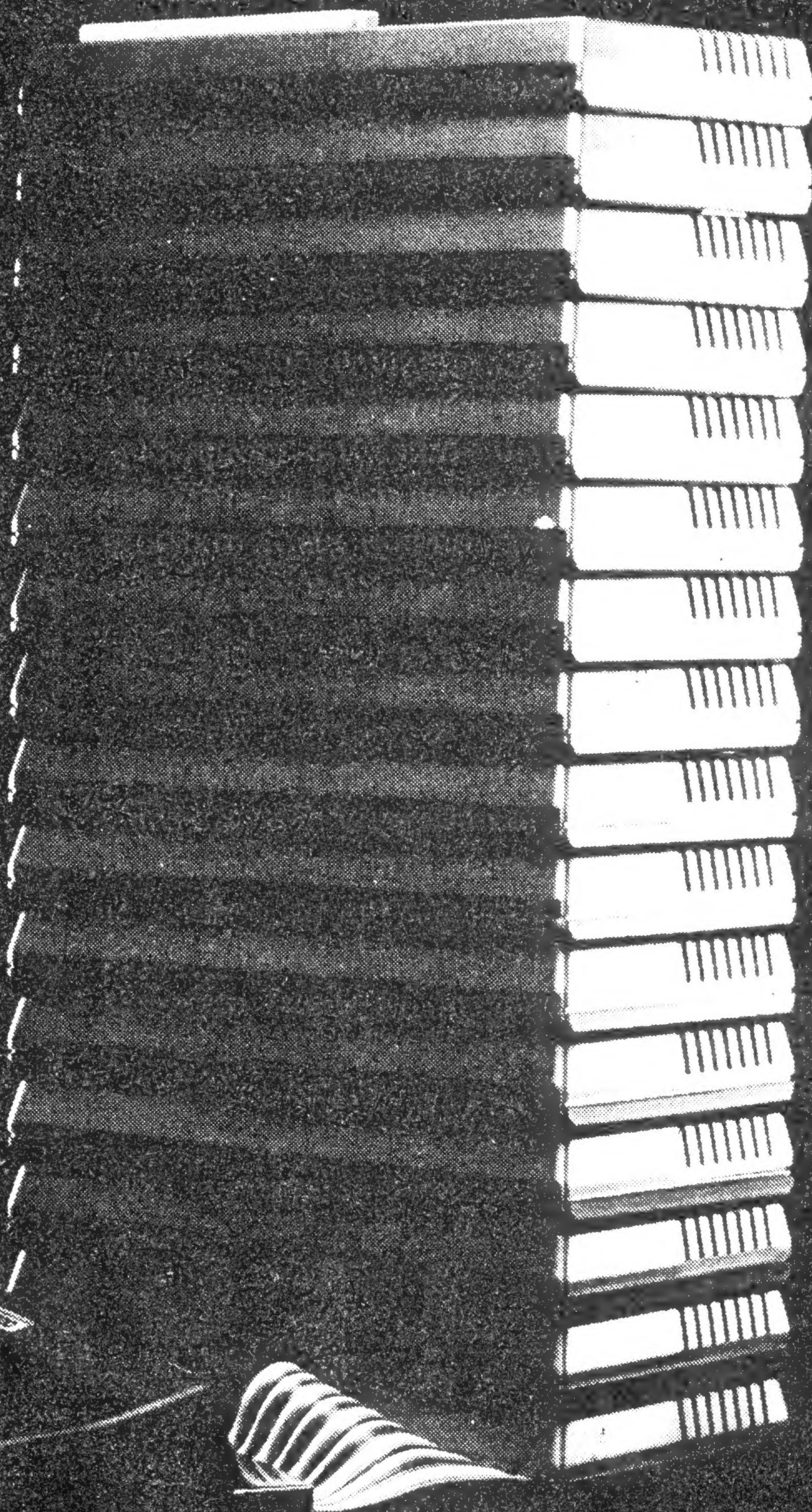
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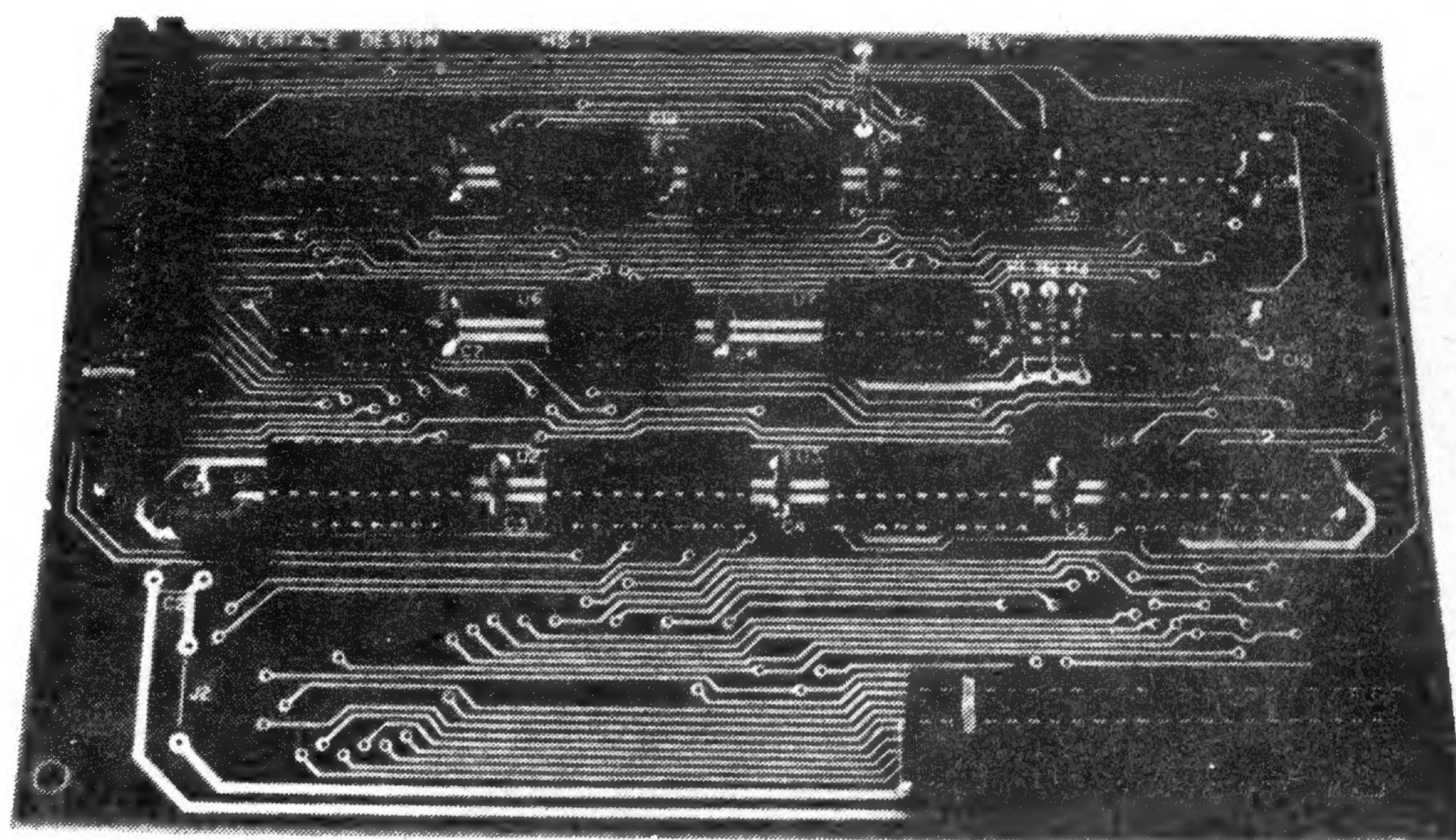
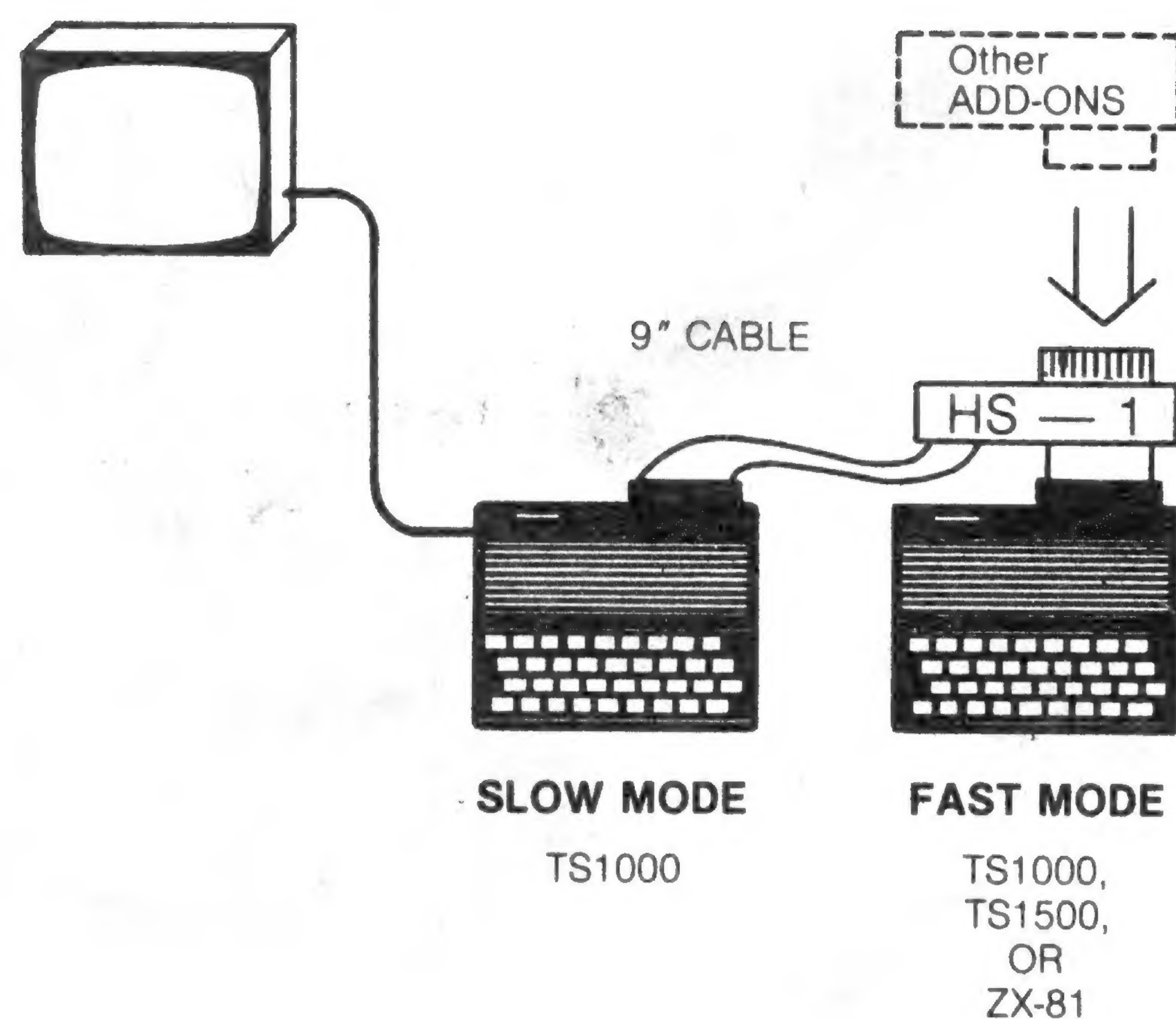
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